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SUBJECT: LOS - EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET SIGNATURE

1) SUMMARY: U.S. DEL REQUESTS ADVICE ON THE EFFECT OF COMMON MARKET SIGNATURE OF LOS TREATY ON RATIFICATION BY MEMBER STATES ASAP. END SUMMARY.

2) USEC BRUSSELS REPORTED PRIOR TO START OF NEW YORK SESSION OF CONFERENCE THAT COMMON MARKET INTENDS TO SIGN LOS TREATY ITSELF. FRENCH RAISED ISSUE AT GROUP OF FIVE HEADS OF DEL. LUNCHEON. EARLIER, MICHAEL HARDY OF THE EC COMMISSION NOTED THAT IF FINAL TREATY WERE SIGNED BY EC ANY MEMBER OF THE 9 MIGHT, IN EFFECT, STOP ALL OF THE 9 FROM RATIFYING THE TREATY. REQUEST DEPT. ADVISE ON THIS POINT, BOTH AS A LEGAL AND PRACTICAL MATTER.

3) FYI: THE UNDERLYING DIFFICULTY IS FRANCE. THERE IS MUCH IN THE LOS PACKAGE, PARTICULARLY BROAD COASTAL STATE RESOURCE JURISDICTION, THAT DOES NOT EXCITE THEM, AT LEAST UNTIL THE UK AGREES TO POOL ITS OFFSHORE RESOURCES WITH THE 9. IN PARTICULAR, THE FRENCH HAVE TOLD US FLATLY THAT THEY WILL NOT REPEAT NOT ACCEPT A LOS TREATY THAT PERMITS THE U.S. TO MONOPOLIZE DEEP SEABED MINING AND ARE PRESSING FOR SOME SORT OF AREA LIMITATION SYSTEM APPLICABLE AS AMONG DEVELOPED STATES, A VIEW SHARED TO SOME DEGREE BY THE USSR AND JAPAN AND STRONGLY OPPOSED BY US. UNTIL NOW, THE FRENCH RAN INTO SOME OPPOSITION IN THE EC FROM THE FRG AND THE U.K. WHILE THE FRENCH ARE SAYING THAT THEY ARE NOT SEEKING A QUOTA SYSTEM, BUT RATHER AN ANTI-MONOPOLY OR ANTI-DOMINANT CLAUSE, THE EFFECT, NEVERTHELESS, IS TO SEEK TO PLACE A LIMIT ON THE U.S., ITS COMPANIES AND THEIR FOREIGN SUBSIDIARIES. OUR ATTITUDE ON EC SIGNATURE OF THE LOS TREATY AND OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE EFFECT OF SUCH SIGNATURE ARE RELEVANT IN DETERMINING HOW MUCH BAR-GAINING POWER THE FRENCH HAVE. THE US DEL IS NOT REPEAT NOT SUGGESTING THAT EVEN IF THE FRENCH COULD THEORETICALLY TIE UP THE 9, THAT THIS MEANS THAT AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, THEY COULD DO IT, SHOULD OUR POSITION PREVAIL IN THE FINAL TREATY. ALL WE WISH NOW IS AN EVALUATION OF THEIR POTENTIAL FOR TYING UP RATIFICATION BY THE 9.

END FYI.

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